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MEDIA REACTION

1. PANAMA CITY-(TREATY NEGOTIATIONS) TREATY-RELATED COVERAGE LIGHT
THIS MORNING (AUGUST 4). GOVERNMENT - CONTROLLED MATUTINO HEADLINES
SCENESETTER ON BOGOTA SUMMIT WITH "LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY IN
BOGOTA SUMMIT" OVER UPI BOGOTA DATELINE. SAME PAPER CARRIES BRIEF
PANAMA DATELINE ACAN-EFE STORY ON TORRIJOS MEETING WITH NEGOTIATORS
AND NATIONAL GUARD COMMAND STAFF, STATING GENERAL'S INTENTION TO
ANSWER PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER AFTER SATURDAY BOGOTA MEETING.

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ACCORDING TO LA ESTRELLA'S COVERAGE OF THE GN MEETING, TORRIJOS WILL
REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN BOGOTA AFTER THE SUMMIT
MEETING. NO FURTHER REVELATIONS FROM GN MEETING. COUNCIL OF
STATE IS PLANNED FOR TODAY.

2. MATUTINO'S EDIT, "DIALOGUE BETWEEN EPOCHS", SAYS HEAD OF STATE'S
PLANNED MEETING WITH THREE EX-PRESIDENTS IS PROOF OF CONTINUITY OF

HISTORICAL STRUGGLE FOR CANAL, "THAT WHATEVER HAS BEEN THE EPOCH...
THERE HAVE BEEN NO VARIATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PANAMANIAN, NOR
DOUBT IN THEIR THOUGHTS" ON THE CANAL PROBLEM. MATUTINO CONCLUDES:
"BY THE MERE ACT OF CALLING THE MEETING, GENERAL TORRIJOS SUCCESS-
FULLY PROVES THERE IS NO ROOM FOR PETTY BARGAINING IN HISTORY;
THAT THE CONQUESTS OF TODAY ARE SOLIDLY BASED ON THE STRONG
STRUCTURE OF ISTHMIAN REBELLION FROM THE BEGINNING."

3. (AID HOUSING GUARANTEE) BOTH GOP-CONTROLLED MATUTINO AND LA
ESTRELLA FRONT-PAGED PHOTOS AND STORY OF USAID DIRECTOR AND MINISTER
OF HOUSING SIGNING HOUSING GUARANTEE OF 3.4 MILLION FOR NUEVO
CHORRILLO HOUSING COOPERATIVE. ITEM
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